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SUBJECT: TEACHERS: VISAS AND PERSONNEL CEILING
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1. WE HAVE ALREADY EXPLORED QUESTION OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE MUST FOLLOW PATH TAKEN BY TEACHERS ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE, WITH REGULAR PASSPORTS USED.

2. OUR READING OF VARGA'S POSITION (REF B) IS THAT PROBLEMS POSED PARA 1 REFTEL MAY BE MORE APPARENT THAN REAL. HUNGARIANS WANT THEM DECLARED "MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY," AND FOR THEIR PURPOSES ISSUANCE OFFICIAL PASSPORTS WOULD BE EASIEST RESOLUTION OF MATTER. VARGA FURTHER OPINED THAT COURTESY VISAS IN TOURIST PASSPORTS COULD BE ISSUED IF WE DECLARED THEM "MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY". THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION OF WORK PERMITS, HE SAID, WOULD NOT THEN ARISE,

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AND THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT THEIR STATUS FOR INTERNAL HUNGARIAN PURPOSES WOULD BE SIMILAR. HOWEVER, THEIR EXACT STATUS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO YOUR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MFA.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT WHAT HUNGARIANS ARE REALLY AFTER IS INCREASE IN PERSONNEL CEILING LIMITATIONS. THIS DOES NOT CAUSE US PROBLEMS AS WE ANTICIPATE THAT OPENING OF HUNGARIAN CONSULATES HERE WILL NECESSITATE HIGHER CEILING

THAN WE NEED IN HUNGARY. REF B INSTRUCTION ADDRESSES THIS POINT. IF GOH CHOOSES TO REGARD TEACHERS AS MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY FOR PERSONNEL CEILING AND OTHER PURPOSES, THERE IS NO NEED TO QUARREL WITH THEIR INTERPRETATION, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT REGARDED TEACHERS ELSEWHERE AS MEMBERS OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND DO NOT INTEND TO ACCORD TEACHERS ANY PRIVILEGES UNAVAILABLE TO TEACHERS ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

4. PLEASE APPROACH MFA WITH REF B REQUEST. ROGERS

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